

I-5 – South King County Projects Update

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Federal Way Traffic Closures This Week

Nighttime closures

Up to three lanes of **southbound I-5** from Military Road to the Pierce County line will close Monday through Thursday nights (July 11-14). The first lane will close at 7 p.m. each night, with up to three lanes closed by 11 p.m. All lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. each morning.

On Monday and Tuesday nights (July 11 and 12) the **southbound I-5 on-ramp from westbound Highway 18** is closing from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Daytime closures

Monday through Friday (July 11-15), expect daytime closures of the far left lane on **southbound I-5** between Military Road and S. 320th.

Drivers should expect daytime **shoulder closures** on I-5 from S. 320th to the Pierce County line and on Highway 18 in the I-5 vicinity.

Highway 161 Closure July 22-25

WSDOT will completely close Highway 161 in both directions from Milton Road South to 28th Avenue South for an entire weekend: from 10 p.m. Friday, July 22 to 5 a.m. Monday, July 25. This section of Highway 161 is located just east of I-5, south of the Highway 18 interchange. A signed detour will be in place during the weekend closure, and we will allow local access.

This closure is necessary for crews to install a new culvert (drainage structure) under the road to improve the flow of Hylebos Creek. For more information on this project, please visit the [SR 161 - Jovita Blvd. to S. 360th St. Widening Web site](#).

Construction Updates

I-5 - S. 317th HOV Direct Access Military Road South to South 320th Street

Crews are removing the temporary roadway in the I-5 median. We also poured barrier on the northbound I-5 bridge over Military Road, and built the forms into which we will pour concrete for the final pour on this bridge deck. We refreshed temporary pavement markings on northbound I-5.

On Monday, July 18, we will close the intersection of South 317th Street and 28th Avenue South for 20 days to build a roundabout, or traffic circle, in the intersection. The roundabout will help manage traffic entering and exiting the freeway on the new South 317th Street bridge. Signed detours will be in place during the closure. We're beginning to install drainage structures at this location.

Please view the latest [I-5 - S. 317th construction photos](#).

I-5 HOV Widening South 320th Street to the King/Pierce County Line

Weather permitting, crews will finish realigning and placing barrier along the southbound I-5 lanes. Crews continue clearing the median, excavating for new detention ponds, and installing electrical and drainage systems.

For more information on this project, please visit our [I-5 HOV Widening Web site](#).

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov.

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